

***Village of Barrington
Architectural Review Commission
Minutes Summary***

Date: June 8, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Village Board Room
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: John Julian III, Chairperson
Joe Coath, Vice Chairperson
Karen Plummer, Commissioner
Marty O'Donnell, Commissioner
Steve Petersen, Commissioner

Staff Members: Brooke Zurek, Planner.

Call to Order

Mr. Julian called the scheduled meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: John Julian III, Chairperson, present; Joe Coath, Vice Chair, present; Karen Plummer, present; Marty O'Donnell, present; Stephen Petersen, present; Mimi Troy, absent.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Julian announced the order of proceedings. The petitioner for ARC 06-17 has asked that the preliminary meeting be continued until next meeting.

New Business

ARC 06-20 Xanadu Awning, 109 S. Cook Street (Non-Historic) Public Meeting
Petitioner: Jakub Wilczewski, Xanadu Day Spa

The applicant is seeking a Certificate of Approval for three awnings, one of which will have signage. The petitioner is also seeking approval of proposed murals.

Mr. Wilczewski gave an overview of his proposal. He would like to change the three awnings on the west side of the building. The awning over the doorway will have the name of the spa. Murals are proposed for the location of the windows below the awnings. The murals will be three-dimensional.

Mr. Julian asked staff for comments.

Ms. Zurek stated that staff recommends approval of the awnings with the following conditions:

1. The signable area for the slope of the proposed awning shall be no greater than 6.5 square feet.
2. The awnings shall be made of a woven material.

Ms. Zurek also recommends the ARC discuss with the petitioner what the actual murals will look like because only a sample drawing has been submitted.

Mr. Julian asked if the petitioner had a mock-up of the murals.

Mr. Wilczewski explained that the murals will look three dimensional like the sample picture given.

Mr. Petersen expressed concern over how the murals will look if they are poorly executed. He added that he would like to reserve the right of the ARC to tell the petitioner to paint over the mural if the ARC does not approve of the finished product. Mr. Petersen would also like to see a mock up of the proposed murals.

Mr. Julian asked what the sketch represents.

Mr. Wilczewski explained that it is like looking into the salon. The same colors are represented in the murals as in the salon.

Mr. Julian asked if the window patterns will be painted on.

Mr. Wilczewski said they will be painted on.

The ARC discussed the use of applied muntins for the murals versus painted muntins.

Ms. Plummer asked how the Village Code addresses these murals.

Ms. Zurek explained that it is considered decorative artwork, not just paint. She added that this petitioner is seeking financial assistance from the Village for the murals, and therefore needs ARC approval.

Ms. Plummer expressed concern that a mural depicting the interior of a salon may not be a good choice for permanent art in Barrington.

The ARC agreed that they should see a rendering, to-scale, before approval will be granted.

The ARC discussed the original window style.

Mr. Coath explained that he would like to see the murals depicting the original window style. The ARC agreed.

Mr. Julian stated that he would like to see the prior work of the artists.

Mr. Wilczewski agreed to bring samples of the artists' work.

The ARC discussed the appropriateness of the flat, squared, proposed awnings over the arched windows.

Mr. Coath said the flat, squared awning is generally a more traditional style, but this is an instance where a bubble-shaped awning may be appropriate for the windows.

A consensus among ARC showed that the existing bubble awnings are most appropriate.

The ARC agreed to wait until more details are brought back to the ARC before making a decision on the approval of the project.

The ARC made the following comments for the petitioner:

1. Please provide a ledger size rendering of the proposed murals that is painted to scale. The rendering shall feature the actual colors proposed for the murals and shall include the proposed window sashes and muntin pattern.
2. Please provide photographs of the artists' work that demonstrate a similar style of art to what is being proposed.
3. Please provide photographs of the entire building.
4. The petitioner shall investigate the original window muntin patterns. Photographs of the original windows may be found in the book, Tales of Old Barrington by Cynthia Baker Sharp. The window patterns of the original windows shall be replicated in the murals, if possible.

5. The existing “bubble” awning frame shall be used.
6. The awning material shall be a woven black material.

Minutes

Meeting minutes for May 17, 2006 were reviewed. Mr. Petersen and Mr. O'Donnell noted changes.

Mr. Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2006. Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Aye: Julian, Coath, Plummer, O'Donnell, Petersen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2006 were reviewed. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Coath noted changes.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes from May 25, 2006. Mr. Coath seconded the motion.

Aye: Julian, Coath, Plummer, O'Donnell. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Plummer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Voice note recorded all Ayes. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Zurek
Planner

John Julian III, Chairperson
Architectural Review Commission